

Bakersfield Man Heads State Realtors' Group

Robert W. Karpe of Bakersfield has been elected president of the 45,000-member California Real Estate Association (CREA). The election climaxed the annual six-day convention of the state-wide association in Los Angeles.

Karpe succeeds Reed Robbins of Stockton. He will be installed in January.

The new president is president of Elmer F. Karpe, Inc., a real estate brokerage, insurance, and mortgage company in Bakersfield. He was the winner of a CREA scholarship in 1952 while attending the University of California, Berkeley.

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He has been a regional vice president, member of the CREA executive committee in 1962, 1965, and 1966, a director for five years, and a frequent speaker at CREA educational conferences.

Karpe was named Bakersfield's "Realtor of the Year" in 1967 and has been active in the Bakersfield Board of Realtors.

The association elected Robert G. Adamson of Woodland Hills treasurer and re-elected H. Jackson Pontius of Arcadia executive vice president and state secretary. Pontius has served in the post for 12 consecutive years.

George Metzger of Rolling Hills was elected regional vice president for District 21, which includes the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

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B.F. Goodrich to Move From Downtown Torrance

B. F. Goodrich Tire Co. has announced plans to relocate its downtown Torrance retail outlet, now located at 1323 Cravens Ave.

The auto and home supply store, first opened here in 1956, will occupy a new single-story building now under construction just south of the intersection of 226th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, according to R. L. Pierson, retail zone manager of the B. F. Goodrich Tire Co.

The store will continue to operate at its present location until the new facilities are ready for occupancy, Pierson said.

"THE NEW facilities will provide better parking for customers and offer sales and service facilities far exceeding those available at our present store location," William Heede, local store manager, said.

In addition to auto and home supplies, the new store will have a complete department for brake and wheel alignment service, tire and battery service, and seat cover and auto top installation. The service department will accommodate up to five cars at one time, Heede said.

"Our new Torrance store will be the most modern and efficient unit we have ever operated," the local manager added.

PLANS FOR the store were prepared by John R. Anderson of Pasadena in collaboration with the firm's store design and engineering department. John A. Lack of Gardena is general contractor.

The building will include 5,348 square feet under roof, including 1,862 square feet in the sales area and nearly 2,300 square feet in the service area.

Customer parking for 18 cars will be provided in a lot accessible from Hawthorne Boulevard.

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